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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



What Should Be Our Research Foci Moving Forward?

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Why Morehouse School of Medicine is Uniquely Qualified to Advance Clinical and Translational Research in the U.S.

- Since its inception in 1975, MSM has uniquely focused on conducting health disparities research and improving the health & well-being of communities
- MSM's vision of *leading in the creation and advancement of health equity* is strategically integrated across its educational training programs, research, community-based programs and strategic partnerships
- MSM is home to 13 academic departments and 15 research centers/institutes with multidisciplinary faculty that provide unique institutional assets, particularly at the intersection of inventive research, medicine, community-engaged public health promotion and health policy

Significance of Multidisciplinary Research at Morehouse School of Medicine

- Cardiovascular Disease (e.g. Hypertension, Stroke, Heart Failure, Sickle Cell etc.)
- Metabolic Syndromes (e.g. Increased Blood Pressure, Abnormal Cholesterol etc.)
- Cancer (e.g. Breast, Prostate, Lung, Ovarian, Pancreatic etc.)
- Diabetes
- Respiratory Syndromes (e.g. COPD, Asthma, Sarcoidosis etc.)
- Infectious Disease (e.g. HIV/AIDS, Malaria, MRSA, Rotavirus, MRSA etc.)
- Neurological Disorders (e.g., Sleep Disorders, Epilepsy etc.)
- Mental and Behavioral Health/Illness, Substance Use/Abuse/Dependence
- Women's Health
- Sexual Health
- Violence
- Other Specialized Research Areas

Key Questions to Consider in Small Workgroups

1. What are the Key Elements for our MSM Research Enterprise to become even more Innovative and Remain on the “Cutting Edge” of Science in support of our Vision?
2. How can our MSM Research Enterprise be improved?
3. What can be done to strengthen & build better bridge's between basic science and clinical research endeavors?
4. How can the institution (MSM) become more instrumental in health policy issues e.g., expected changes in the Affordable Care Act (affectionately known as ObamaCare)?
5. What are specific roles of research at MSM for translating discoveries into intellectual property based commercialized products?
6. What Should Be Our (MSM) Research Foci Moving Forward?